

2017 Washington State Legislative Session Weekly Report Far West Agribusiness Association February 3, 2017

We're finishing the fourth week of session and Legislature membership changes continue while McCleary activity heats up. Following Sen. Dansel's (R-Republic) unexpected and immediate resignation last week to join the Trump administration, Rep. Shelly Short (R-Addy) was appointed to the 7th District Senate seat vacated by Dansel. Without Dansel, the Majority Coalition Caucus (MCC) was down to 24 seats and in a temporary 24-24 tie with Democrats until Dansel's appointment was in place (as noted in this *The Olympian* [article](#)). Rep. Jacquelin Maycumber (R-Republic) has been appointed to the House seat vacated by Short, as explained in this *Spokesman Review* [article](#). There is some speculation that we may see at least one more change in the Senate if Sen. Ericksen's (R-Ferndale) temporary position with the Trump administration becomes permanent.

First Cut-Off Date - Two Weeks Away

Legislators' schedules continue to be tightly booked with constituent meetings, hearings, floor action and caucus meetings as we gear up for the first cut-off date of the session. Friday, February 17, is the house of origin policy committee cut-off date for bill consideration. This means bills must pass out of the policy committees by end of business that day or they are dead for the year. The next cut-off date is the fiscal committee cutoff on February 24. This is the deadline for bills in fiscal committees (e.g., House Finance, House Appropriations, House and Senate Transportation and Senate Ways & Means) to pass out in order stay alive. But keep in mind that any bill deemed NTIB (necessary to implement the budget) can be exempt from these cut-off deadlines. And, while unlikely, even dead bills can be brought back to life through either extraordinary procedural maneuvers or creative amendments to other bills moving through the process.

McCleary Funding Update

GOP Education-Funding Plan Passes Senate Floor

We continue to see activity this session related to finding a solution to the 2012 Washington State Supreme Court McCleary decision that required the state to fully fund K-12 basic education by 2018 without reliance on local levy dollars. On January 31 the Senate Ways & Means Committee held a public hearing on the Republican education-funding proposal ([SSB 5607](#)). The bill passed out of Ways & Means on February 1, was sent to Rules and pulled to the floor where it passed on a party-line vote (25-24), as outlined in this Associated Press [article](#). The bill is scheduled for a public hearing in House Appropriations on February 6.

Comparing the Democrat & Republican Plans

Now that both parties have released their basic education funding proposals, the two sides are in the early stages of negotiations. This *The Lens* [blog](#) provides a comparison between the Republican and Democrat education-funding proposals. In summary, the Republican proposal repeals the class size reduction measure passed by voters in 2014 (estimated to save \$1.9 billion) and delays teacher cost of

living salary increases for four years (estimated to save \$1.4 billion). Republicans tout their proposal for addressing McCleary funding requirements in one comprehensive bill by increasing funding for K-12 basic education without relying on new revenue sources. Democrats, on the other hand, argue that the Republican proposal offers less funding than what is currently provided for school districts. They point to the Republicans' proposed levy swap, a key funding component of the proposal, as putting an unfair burden on richer school districts, as explained in this *Seattle Times* [article](#).

Local Levy Funding & The Levy Lid Debate

The Republican education-funding proposal swaps the local schools' levy tax authority with a statewide property tax levy of \$1.80. Depending on where they reside, for most taxpayers this swap will amount to a tax increase or decrease as explained in this *Spokesman Review* [article](#). This approach contrasts to that of the House Democrats. The House Democrats passed (62-35) [SHB 1059](#) to provide a one-year delay to the end of current local school levy authority. However, in the Senate the bill failed on a party-line vote (24-25) on February 1.

Work & Family/Business & Labor

Paid Family Leave

On January 30 legislation related to paid family leave had a public hearing in the Senate Commerce, Labor & Sports Committee, as covered in this *Spokane Public Radio* [story](#). This included Democrat-sponsored [SB 5032 \(HB 1116\)](#) and bipartisan-sponsored [SB 5149](#). The employer-funded Democrat proposal provides 26 weeks of leave starting in October 2019 and would allow employees to take 12 weeks of leave for health care needs. The bipartisan proposal begins with 8 weeks of paid leave in October 2020, increases to 12 weeks by 2023 and is funded by employee-paid premiums deducted from paychecks. Having passed the House Committee on Labor & Workplace Standards, HB 1116 has a public hearing in House Appropriations on February 9

Equal Pay

In the House, salary legislation [HB 1533 \(SB 5555\)](#) to limit gender and race inequality passed out of the Labor & Workplace Standards Committee on January 30, as highlighted in this Economic Opportunity Institute [blog](#). The bill prohibits an employer from seeking an applicant's wage or salary history or requiring that wage or salary meet certain criteria. On February 2, the House version was referred to Rules and the Senate version will have a public hearing in Commerce, Labor & Sports on February 9. Also in Senate Commerce, Labor & Sports Committee, there was a public hearing on February 1 for Republican-sponsored [SB 5344](#) (enhancing enforcement of the Equal Pay Act) and Democrat-sponsored [PSSB 5140](#) (regarding enforcement of the Equal Pay Act and communications about wage and employment opportunities).

Property Taxes

This week, Tim Eyman proposed I-1550 which would reduce property taxes by 25% as reported in this *Seattle Times* [article](#). The initiative also imposes a cap on future property tax increases. In order to qualify for the ballot, the measure must receive 260,000 signatures by July 7.

K-12 Education

Homeless Students on the Rise

A recent report revealed nearly 40,000 students living in Washington State were homeless last year, as reported in this *Seattle Times* [article](#).

Reforming High School Graduation Requirements

As explained in this *The Lens* [blog](#), the Washington State Legislature is looking at removing some high school diploma test requirements. Newly released data from the [Herchinger Study](#) shows 17% of current Washington State high school graduates that go into a two-year college are placed in remedial classes, as explained in this [blog](#). Many are pointing to this study as proof that the current required high school exams are not effective enough.

Higher Education

Guaranteed Community College for Low Income Students

On January 31, Democrats celebrated the introduction of "Washington Promise" legislation which will have a hearing on February 8 in the House Higher Education Committee, as announced in this [news release](#). The bill's intent is to give all Washington high school graduates the opportunity to earn an Associates Degree regardless of economic circumstances.

College Tuition Freeze

College student lobbyists were on campus in Olympia during this fourth week of session to lobby for a freeze in tuition to maintain the tuition cut adopted in the 2016 session, as featured in this *Seattle Times* [article](#).

Elections & Voting

In this [article](#), the *Seattle Times* looked at four competing bills in the Washington State Legislature regarding voting rights. The legislation stems from a 2012 federal ruling that Yakima violated the federal Voting Rights Act by utilizing an at-large system instead of district voting, which has the intent of promoting minority representation.

Health Care: Affordable Care Act

The *Tacoma News Tribune* reported in this [article](#) that Washington State, at risk of losing \$2.7 billion each year if Medicaid expansion is repealed with no replacement, could find some relief in block grants. Block grants, which would give each state a fixed amount of federal dollars for health care to low income people, are a solution proposed in President Trump's health plan as noted in this *New York Times* [article](#).

Local Government

On January 30, the Senate Health Care Committee heard Sen. Miloscia's (R-Federal Way) [SB 5223 \(HB 1761\)](#) to ban safety injection sites by blocking cities and counties from doing so, as reported in this King 5 News [story](#). The House version of the bill has had no movement since it was introduced on January 27.

Law and justice

A very emotional hearing on police use of deadly force reform legislation [HB 1529](#) and [HB 1769](#) occurred on January 31, as featured in this Associated Press [article](#). HB 1529's companion bill, [SB 5073](#), received a public hearing on February 2. This legislation would implement the recommendations made by the interim task force on the Use of Deadly Force.

Immigration

Washington State Attorney General Bob Ferguson (D) filed a lawsuit to challenge the legality of President Trump's immigration order, as reported in this Associated Press [article](#). The lawsuit has the support of Expedia and Amazon, both of which testified about the negative economic impact of the order.

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Upcoming Legislative Events

Education (House) - HHR A, JLOB - 2/6 @ 1:30pm

- HB 1453 - Public Hearing - Promoting agriculture science education in schools.

Appropriations (House) - HHR A, JLOB - 2/6 @ 3:30pm

- HB 1843 - Public Hearing - Fulfilling the state's paramount duty for all children through equitable and responsible investments in the state's basic education program and reductions to local effort contributions.
- SSB 5607 - Public Hearing - Concerning education.

Transportation (Senate) - SHR 1, JACB - 2/6 @ 3:30pm

- SB 5564 - Public Hearing - Concerning vehicle taxation.

Higher Education (House) - HHR D, JLOB - 2/7 @ 8:00am

- HB 1404 - Exec Session - Conducting a workforce study of employment opportunities in the agriculture, environment, and natural resources economic sectors intended to provide educators with the information needed for informing students about employment opportunities in the studied fields.

Energy, Environment & Telecommunications (Senate) - SHR 1, JACB - 2/7 @ 10:00am

- SB 5501 - Public Hearing - Concerning imposing a surtax on the possession of hazardous substances.

Early Learning & K-12 Education (Senate) - SHR 1, JACB - 2/7 @ 1:30pm

- SB 5318 - Public Hearing - Promoting agriculture science education in schools.

Finance (House) - HHR A, JLOB - 2/7 @ 3:30pm

- HB 1663 - Public Hearing - Concerning imposing a surtax on the possession of hazardous substances.

State Government (Senate) - SHR 2, JACB - 2/8 @ 8:00am

- SB 5570 - Public Hearing - Concerning certification of the level of foreign national ownership for corporations that participate in Washington state elections.

Higher Education (House) - HHR D, JLOB - 2/8 @ 1:30pm

- HB 1404 - Exec Session - Conducting a workforce study of employment opportunities in the agriculture, environment, and natural resources economic sectors intended to provide educators with the information needed for informing students about employment opportunities in the studied fields.

Labor & Workplace Standards (House) - HHR E, JLOB - 2/9 @ 8:00am

- HB 1669 - Exec Session - Establishing minimum crew size on certain trains.

Agriculture & Natural Resources (House) - HHR B, JLOB - 2/9 @ 1:30pm

- HB 1562 - Exec Session - Continuing the work of the Washington food policy forum.

Appropriations (House) - HHR A, JLOB - 2/9 @ 3:30pm

- HB 1116 - Public Hearing - Implementing family and medical leave insurance.
- HB 1843 - Exec Session - Fulfilling the state's paramount duty for all children through equitable and responsible investments in the state's basic education program and reductions to local effort contributions.

Higher Education (House) - HHR D, JLOB - 2/10 @ 10:00am

- HB 1404 - Exec Session - Conducting a workforce study of employment opportunities in the agriculture, environment, and natural resources economic sectors intended to provide educators with the information needed for informing students about employment opportunities in the studied fields.

State Government, Elections & Information Technology (House) - HHR E, JLOB - 2/10 @ 10:00am

- HB 1352 - Public Hearing - Concerning licensing and regulatory requirements of small business owners.

High Priority Bills

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Position</u>
<p>Family & med leave insurance Implementing family and medical leave insurance.</p> <p><i>Sponsors:</i> Robinson (Prime), Appleton, Bergquist, Doglio, Dolan, Farrell, Frame, Goodman, Gregerson, Hudgins, Jinkins, Kagi, Kirby, Kloba, Lytton, Macri, McBride, Ormsby, Ortiz-Self, Peterson, Pollet, Reeves, Riccelli, Santos, Sells, Senn, Slatter, Stanford, Stonier, Tarleton, Tharinger, Wylie</p> <p><i>Summary:</i> Allows workers to: (1) Care for family members with a serious health condition or to recover from their own serious health condition; and (2) Deal with exigencies arising out of the military service of a family member. Requires the employment security department to: (1) Establish</p>	H Approps	Robinson	Oppose
<p>HB 1116 (SB 5032)</p>			

and administer a family and medical leave insurance program; and (2) Pay family and medical leave insurance benefits. Changes the name of the family leave insurance account to the family and medical leave insurance account.

Product labeling tax incent.	H Ag & Nat Res	Taylor	Oppose
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Providing a tax incentive for the labeling of products.

Sponsors: Taylor (Prime), Buys, Condotta, Haler, Kretz, Shea, Short

[HB 1245](#)

Summary: Provides a tax credit, in computing business and occupation taxes, of ten thousand dollars per product line per taxable year for a person who voluntarily labels a line of products: (1) For food offered for retail sale in the state if it is or may have been produced through bioengineering or genetically engineered; (2) For food offered for retail sale in the state that has not been bioengineered or genetically engineered; and (3) For an agricultural product or food offered for retail sale in the state if it is or may have been produced outside of the United States.

Pesticide exposure	H HC/Wellness	Ortiz-Self	Oppose
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Concerning pesticide exposure and notification of certain pesticide applications.

Sponsors: Ortiz-Self (Prime), Bergquist, Cody, Doglio, Fitzgibbon, Macri, Pettigrew, Pollet, Riccelli, Robinson, Ryu, Sells, Stonier

[HB 1564](#)

Summary: Requires a person who applies, or causes to be applied, pesticides by aerial application, air-blast sprayer, or fumigation, to provide written notice of an intended pesticide application to a person who owns, manages, or controls property adjacent to the property of intended pesticide application.

Hazard. substance possession	H Finance	Peterson	Concerns
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Concerning imposing a surtax on the possession of hazardous substances.

[HB 1663](#)
[\(SB 5501\)](#)

Sponsors: Peterson (Prime), Fitzgibbon, Macri, Pollet

Summary: Revises the model toxics control act to impose a surtax on those persons who are subject to the hazardous substance tax.

Hazard. substance possession	S Energy, Enviro	Carlyle	Concerns
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Concerning imposing a surtax on the possession of hazardous substances.

[SB 5501](#)
[\(HB 1663\)](#)

Sponsors: Carlyle (Prime), Chase, Frockt, Hunt, Liias, Rolfes

Summary: Revises the model toxics control act to impose a surtax on those persons who are subject to the hazardous substance tax.

Medium Priority Bills

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Position</u>
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<u>HB 1014</u>	Ecology rules/peer review	H Environment	Shea	Neutral
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Establishing a peer review process to ensure robust economic analysis of department of ecology administrative rules.

Sponsors: Shea (Prime), Buys, Haler, Holy, McCaslin, Pike, Short, Taylor, Young

Summary: Requires the department of ecology to: (1) Before making available a preliminary cost-benefit analysis or finalizing a small business economic impact statement, solicit peer review of the draft economic analyses by qualified professionals; and (2) Incorporate both the optimistic and pessimistic economic impact scenarios into the final cost-benefit analysis. Prohibits the department of ecology from adopting a rule whose probable benefits are less than its probable costs.

School levy lid revs./delay	S Ways & Means	Lytton	Neutral
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Delaying implementation of revisions to the school levy lid.

[SHB 1059](#)
[\(SB 5023\)](#)

Sponsors: Lytton (Prime), Bergquist, Blake, Cody, Dolan, Farrell, Fitzgibbon, Frame, Hudgins, Jinkins, Kagi, Kilduff, Ormsby, Pollet, Senn, Sullivan, Tarleton

Summary: Extends current statutory policies on local enrichment through calendar year 2018 to promote a school district's ability to plan for the future during the 2017 transition period.

Greenhouse gas emissions	H Environment	Fitzgibbon	Neutral
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Amending state greenhouse gas emission limits for consistency with the most recent assessment of climate change science.

[HB 1144](#)

Sponsors: Fitzgibbon (Prime), Doglio, Farrell, Fey, Goodman, Jinkins, Macri, Ormsby, Peterson, Pollet, Ryu, Stanford, Tarleton

Summary: Addresses the most recent assessment of climate change science and changes certain requirements of the state with regard to emissions of greenhouse gases.

State estate tax, repealing	H Finance	Young	Neutral
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Repealing the state estate tax.

[HB 1206](#)

Sponsors: Young (Prime), McCaslin, Muri, Shea, Taylor, Walsh

Summary: Repeals the state estate tax.

Job applicants/arrests, etc.	H Approps	Ortiz-Self	Neutral
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Prohibiting employers from asking about arrests or convictions before an applicant is determined otherwise qualified for a position.

[HB 1298](#)

Sponsors: Ortiz-Self (Prime), Appleton, Bergquist, Farrell, Frame, Gregerson, Haler, Jinkins, Kagi, Kilduff, Lovick, Manweller, McBride, Ormsby, Santos, Sells, Senn, Stanford, Tarleton, Young

Summary: Establishes the Washington fair chance act. Prohibits an employer from including any question on an application for employment, from inquiring either orally or in writing, from receiving information through a criminal history background check, or from otherwise obtaining information about an applicant's criminal record until after the employer initially determines that the applicant is otherwise qualified for the position. Requires the state attorney general's office to enforce this act.

Employee antiretaliation	H Approps	Ryu	Neutral
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Concerning the employee antiretaliation act.

[HB 1301](#)
[\(SB 5528\)](#)

Sponsors: Ryu (Prime), Farrell, Frame, Goodman, Gregerson, Jinkins, Macri, McBride, Ormsby, Peterson, Pollet, Santos, Senn, Stanford, Stonier, Tarleton

Summary: Addresses retaliation and discrimination against employees and providing protection for

employees.

Wage violations, damages for

H Rules R

Frame

Neutral

Providing damages for wage violations.

HB 1302

Sponsors: Frame (Prime), Farrell, Goodman, Gregerson, Jinkins, Macri, Ormsby, Peterson, Ryu, Santos, Stanford

Summary: Increases the penalty for certain wage violations.

Small business owners

H State Governme

Barkis

Neutral

Concerning licensing and regulatory requirements of small business owners.

Sponsors: Barkis (Prime), Blake, Caldier, Chapman, Cody, Condotta, Haler, Harmsworth, Harris, Hayes, Holy, Jinkins, Kilduff, Kirby, Koster, Kretz, Lytton, MacEwen, Manweller, McCabe, Muri, Nealey, Orcutt, Pike, Schmick, Shea, Short, Smith, Springer, Steele, Stokesbary, Tarleton, Taylor, Tharinger, Vick, Walsh, Wilcox

HB 1352
(SB 5230)

Summary: Requires the attorney general to review the administrative procedure act, as well as related administrative rules, similar statutes, and case law, to identify the current rights and protections afforded to small business owners selected for agency enforcement actions including inspections, audits, site visits, or record review. Requires the department of agriculture, department of ecology, employment security department, department of labor and industries, department of revenue, and state fire marshal to: (1) Review provisions of their governing statutes, administrative rules, policy statements, guidance, and directives to identify the current rights and protections afforded to small business owners that are selected for inspection, audit, or other enforcement action by the agency; and (2) No later than August 31, 2017, provide the attorney general with certain information. Expires December 31, 2017.

Workforce study/ag., etc.

H Hi Ed

Tarleton

Neutral

Conducting a workforce study of employment opportunities in the agriculture, environment, and natural resources economic sectors intended to provide educators with the information needed for informing students about employment opportunities in the studied fields.

HB 1404
(SB 5285)

Sponsors: Tarleton (Prime), Chandler, Haler, Santos, Sells, Stambaugh, Stanford, Van Werven, Wilcox

Summary: Requires the workforce training and education coordinating board to conduct a workforce assessment for the agriculture, natural resources, and environment sectors to assess the available data on current and projected employment levels and hiring demand for skilled mid-level workers in those sectors.

Agriculture science ed.

H Education

Blake

Neutral

Promoting agriculture science education in schools.

Sponsors: Blake (Prime), Chandler, Haler, Hayes, Kretz, Lytton, Santos, Stanford, Tarleton

HB 1453
(SB 5318)

Summary: Creates the agriculture science education grant program. Requires the superintendent of public instruction to: (1) Designate one or more high schools to serve as resources and examples of how to combine an interdisciplinary curriculum for agriculture science education with a strong focus on science, technology, engineering, and mathematics and an active partnership with businesses and the local community to connect learning beyond the classroom; and (2) Establish and publish funding criteria for agriculture science education equipment and professional development grants to school districts. Creates the curriculum for agriculture science education lighthouse account.

Tax exemptions H Finance Pollet Neutral

Increasing tax exemption transparency and accountability.

Sponsors: Pollet (Prime), Appleton, Bergquist, Cody, Doglio, Dolan, Farrell, Fitzgibbon, Frame, Goodman, Hudgins, Jinkins, Kagi, Kirby, Kloba, Lovick, Macri, McBride, Muri, Ormsby, Ortiz-Self, Orwall, Pellicciotti, Peterson, Pettigrew, Riccelli, Ryu, Santos, Sells, Stanford, Stonier, Tarleton, Tharinger, Wylie

[HB 1500](#)
(SB 5513)

Summary: Establishes the tax exemption transparency and accountability act. Creates a tax expenditure budget as part of the biennial budget adopted by the legislature. Reforms the tax expenditure process by including tax expenditures in a tax expenditure budget in the biennial state budget process and requires they be readopted every two years as part of the budget process or they expire. Requires the department of revenue to prepare a tax expenditure budget. Requires the joint legislative audit and review committee to report its findings and recommendations for scheduled tax expenditures to the citizen commission for performance measurement of tax expenditures by June 30th of each year.

Carbon pollution tax H Finance Lytton Neutral

Establishing a carbon pollution tax and investment program to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, facilitate the transition to a clean energy economy, and invest in K-12 education and other vital public services.

[HB 1555](#)
(SB 5127)

Sponsors: Lytton (Prime), Doglio

Summary: Establishes the carbon pollution tax and investment act. Imposes a carbon pollution tax on: (1) The sale or use of fossil fuels, including fossil fuels used in generating electricity; or (2) The sale or consumption of electricity generated through the combustion of fossil fuels. Creates the carbon pollution reduction account and the carbon reduction investment fund.

WA food policy forum H Ag & Nat Res Gregerson Neutral

Continuing the work of the Washington food policy forum.

Sponsors: Gregerson (Prime), Bergquist, Cody, Doglio, Dolan, Farrell, Fey, Fitzgibbon, Hudgins, Lovick, Macri, McBride, Ormsby, Ortiz-Self, Orwall, Peterson, Pike, Pollet, Riccelli, Ryu, Santos, Sawyer, Senn, Slatter, Stanford, Stonier, Tharinger

[HB 1562](#)

Summary: Requires the Washington food policy forum to build on the work of the forum that was temporarily established in the 2016 supplemental omnibus operating appropriations act to develop recommendations to advance certain food system goals. Gives responsibility to the director of the state conservation commission for appointing participating members of the forum. Expires July 1, 2019.

Carbon tax H Environment Fitzgibbon Neutral

Promoting an equitable clean energy economy by creating a carbon tax that allows investment in clean energy, clean air, healthy forests, and Washington's communities.

Sponsors: Fitzgibbon (Prime), Appleton, Cody, Doglio, Fey, Goodman, Jinkins, Macri, McBride, Pollet

[HB 1646](#)
(SB 5509)

Summary: Creates a carbon pollution mitigation tax on fossil fuel emissions of greenhouse gases that contribute to global climate change. Creates the carbon program oversight board to oversee implementation of this act and advise the governor on the achievement of greenhouse gas emission reductions. Creates an economic and environmental justice oversight panel as a joint body between the office of the governor, the department of ecology, and the department of health. Requires the department of revenue to establish and administer a low-income carbon pollution mitigation tax grant for state residents to assist in the equitable transition to lower carbon emission energy sources. Involves the following in some role regarding the imposition of the carbon tax: The department of

ecology, the department of revenue, the department of commerce, the department of health, the Washington State University extension energy office, the recreation and conservation office, the office of the attorney general, and other state agencies with control of expenditures of carbon pollution mitigation tax receipts. Creates the clean energy account, the clean water climate program account, the sustainable forest health account, the carbon reduction investment fund, the sustainable infrastructure fund, and the equitable transition fund.

Crew size on certain trains	H Labor & Workpl	Farrell	Neutral
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Establishing minimum crew size on certain trains.

[HB 1669](#)

Sponsors: Farrell (Prime), Barkis, Bergquist, Blake, Chandler, Chapman, Doglio, Fey, Fitzgibbon, Goodman, Haler, Harmsworth, Harris, Hayes, Holy, Hudgins, Irwin, Jinkins, Johnson, Koster, Lovick, Lytton, MacEwen, Macri, McBride, McCaslin, Muri, Ormsby, Ortiz-Self, Pollet, Riccelli, Robinson, Rodne, Ryu, Santos, Sawyer, Sells, Senn, Stambaugh, Stanford, Stokesbary, Stonier, Tarleton, Vick, Walsh, Wilcox, Wylie, Young

Summary: Regulates minimum railroad crew staffing on trains carrying freight or passengers and trains transporting hazardous materials.

Agriculture and farming	H Ag & Nat Res	Buys	Neutral
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Concerning agriculture and farming.

[HB 1692](#)

Sponsors: Buys (Prime), Blake, Chapman, Condotta, Fitzgibbon, Lytton, Sawyer, Stanford, Vick

Summary: Revises the definition of "farm product" to include marijuana, useable marijuana, and marijuana-infused products, for purposes of RCW 7.48.305 (section 2 of this act) relating to agricultural activities and forest practices.

Capital gains excise tax	H Finance	Jinkins	Neutral
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Enacting an excise tax on capital gains to improve the fairness of Washington's tax system and provide funding for the education legacy trust account.

[HB 1730](#)
[\(SB 5111\)](#)

Sponsors: Jinkins (Prime), Appleton, Fey, Frame, Pollet, Tarleton, Tharinger

Summary: Provides funding for the education legacy trust account. Imposes a tax on individuals for the privilege of: (1) Selling or exchanging long-term capital assets; or (2) Receiving Washington capital gains.

Perfluorinated chemicals	H Environment	McBride	Neutral
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Concerning the use of perfluorinated chemicals in food packaging.

[HB 1744](#)

Sponsors: McBride (Prime), Fey, Goodman, Kilduff, Kirby, Macri, Ortiz-Self

Summary: Prohibits a manufacturer, wholesaler, or retailer from manufacturing, knowingly selling, offering for sale, distributing for sale, or distributing for use in this state food packaging to which perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl chemicals have been intentionally added in any amount.

Crimes by corporations	H Public Safety	Pellicciotti	Neutral
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Increasing monetary penalties for crimes committed by corporations.

[HB 1806](#)

Sponsors: Pellicciotti (Prime), Appleton, Bergquist, Chapman, Clibborn, Doglio, Dolan, Farrell, Fey, Fitzgibbon, Frame, Goodman, Gregerson, Hudgins, Jinkins, Kilduff, Lovick, Macri, McBride, Ormsby, Orwall, Pettigrew, Pollet, Riccelli, Robinson, Ryu, Sawyer, Sells, Senn, Stanford, Stonier, Tharinger, Wylie

Summary: Addresses the penalties imposed for criminal offenses by corporations.

Basic education program

H Approps

Sullivan

Neutral

Fulfilling the state's paramount duty for all children through equitable and responsible investments in the state's basic education program and reductions to local effort contributions.

[HB 1843](#)
(SB 5623)

Sponsors: Sullivan (Prime), Appleton, Chapman, Doglio, Farrell, Fey, Fitzgibbon, Goodman, Hudgins, Jinkins, Lytton, Macri, McBride, Ormsby, Ortiz-Self, Orwall, Pollet, Santos, Slatter, Springer, Tarleton, Tharinger

Summary: Addresses equitable and responsible investments in the state's basic education program and reductions to local effort contributions to fulfill the state's paramount duty for all children. Requires the superintendent of public instruction to convene a technical working group to provide recommendations for revising school district accounting practices.

Fertilizer, etc./B&O tax

H Ag & Nat Res

Schmick

Neutral

Creating a business and occupation tax exemption for certain sales of commercial fertilizer, agricultural crop protection products, and seed.

[HB 1916](#)

Sponsors: Schmick (Prime), Blake, Buys, Dye, Haler, Jenkin, Nealey

Summary: Provides a business and occupation tax exemption for wholesale sales of commercial fertilizer, agricultural crop protection products, and seed by an eligible distributor to an eligible retailer.

Capital gains excise tax

H Finance

Pollet

Neutral

Enacting an excise tax on capital gains to improve the fairness of Washington's tax system and provide funding for the education legacy trust account.

[HB 1926](#)

Sponsors: Pollet (Prime), Santos

Summary: Imposes a tax on individuals for the privilege of: (1) Selling or exchanging long-term capital assets; or (2) Receiving Washington capital gains. Allows a business and occupation tax deduction against a person's gross income of the business to the extent necessary to avoid taxing the same amounts under chapter 82.04 RCW and this act. Provides funding for the education legacy trust account.

Labor relations violations

H Labor &
Workpla

Ryu

Neutral

Disqualifying employers from tax credits and tax incentives when there have been certain violations of labor relations.

[HB 1941](#)

Sponsors: Ryu (Prime), Bergquist, Blake, Goodman, Kloba, Ortiz-Self, Peterson, Pollet, Sawyer, Senn, Stanford, Stonier

Summary:

Water banks/permanent avail.

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Ag/Water/Trade&

Honeyford

Neutral

[SB 5002](#)

Requiring certain water banks to replace leased water rights provided for mitigation with water rights that will be permanently available.

Sponsors: Honeyford (Prime)

Summary: Requires a county-operated water bank that leases water rights to offer for mitigation to replace the rights with rights that will be permanently available for mitigation before the expiration of the lease.

Business corporation act H Judiciary Pedersen Neutral
Concerning the business corporation act.

[SB 5011](#)

Sponsors: Pedersen (Prime), Fain, Frockt, Kuderer, Padden

Summary: Revises the Washington business corporation act.

School levy lid revs./delay S EL/K-12 Wellman Neutral
Delaying implementation of revisions to the school levy lid.

[SB 5023](#)
[\(SHB 1059\)](#)

Sponsors: Wellman (Prime), Billig, Carlyle, Chase, Conway, Darneille, Frockt, Hasegawa, Hunt, Keiser, Kuderer, Liias, McCoy, Mullet, Nelson, Palumbo, Pedersen, Rolfes, Saldaña

Summary: Extends current statutory policies on local enrichment through calendar year 2019 to promote a school district's ability to plan for the future during the 2017 transition period.

Family & med leave insurance S Com/Labor/Spor Keiser Neutral
Implementing family and medical leave insurance.

[SB 5032](#)
[\(HB 1116\)](#)

Sponsors: Keiser (Prime), Billig, Chase, Cleveland, Conway, Darneille, Frockt, Hasegawa, Hobbs, Hunt, McCoy, Nelson, Palumbo, Pedersen, Ranker, Rolfes

Summary: Allows workers to: (1) Care for family members with a serious health condition or to recover from their own serious health condition; and (2) Deal with exigencies arising out of the military service of a family member. Requires the employment security department to: (1) Establish and administer a family and medical leave insurance program; and (2) Pay family and medical leave insurance benefits. Changes the name of the family leave insurance account to the family and medical leave insurance account.

State land lease termination S Ag/Water/Trade Brown Neutral
Concerning nondefault termination provisions in state land leases for agricultural or grazing purposes.

[SB 5051](#)

Sponsors: Brown (Prime), Becker, Honeyford, Schoesler, Warnick

Summary: Requires a nondefault termination provision included in a state land lease for agricultural or grazing purposes to: (1) Require advance written notice of at least one hundred eighty days by the department of natural resources to the lessee before termination of the lease; and (2) Require the department to provide written documentation to the lessee demonstrating that the department has included the leased land in a plan for higher and better use, land exchange, or sale.

Capital gains excise tax S Ways & Means Braun Neutral
Enacting an excise tax on capital gains to improve the fairness of Washington's tax system and provide funding for the education legacy trust account.

[SB 5111](#)
[\(HB 1730\)](#)

Sponsors: Braun (Prime), Hunt, Ranker

Summary: Provides funding for the education legacy trust account. Imposes a tax on individuals for the

privilege of: (1) Selling or exchanging long-term capital assets; or (2) Receiving Washington capital gains.

Carbon pollution tax	S Ways & Means	Braun	Neutral
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Establishing a carbon pollution tax and investment program to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, facilitate the transition to a clean energy economy, and invest in K-12 education and other vital public services.

SB 5127
(HB 1555)

Sponsors: Braun (Prime), Hunt, Ranker

Summary: Establishes the carbon pollution tax and investment act. Imposes a carbon pollution tax on: (1) The sale or use of fossil fuels, including fossil fuels used in generating electricity; or (2) The sale or consumption of electricity generated through the combustion of fossil fuels. Creates the carbon pollution reduction account and the carbon reduction investment fund.

Paid family leave	S Com/Labor/Spor	Fain	Neutral
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Addressing paid family leave.

SB 5149

Sponsors: Fain (Prime), Baumgartner, Braun, Darneille, Hobbs, Miloscia, Palumbo, Rivers, Walsh, Warnick, Zeiger

Summary: Provides family leave benefits to certain employees and those employees continue to be eligible for the benefits during employment with a covered employer. Requires the employment security department to administer family leave provisions.

Rural jobs	S Ag/Water/Trade	Warnick	Neutral
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Creating the Washington rural jobs act.

SB 5208
(HB 1422)

Sponsors: Warnick (Prime), Brown, Dandel, Hawkins, Mullet, Saldaña, Schoesler, Takko, Wellman

Summary: Establishes the Washington rural jobs act. Requires the department of commerce to accept applications for approval as a rural growth fund. Allows a nonrefundable tax credit, for taxpayers that made a credit-eligible capital contribution to the rural growth fund and were issued a tax credit certificate, and allows the credit to be claimed against the following: Business and occupation taxes; insurance premium taxes; and retaliatory taxes. Provides a July 1, 2023, contingent expiration date.

Small business owners	S Ways & Means	Wilson	Neutral
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Concerning licensing and regulatory requirements of small business owners.

Sponsors: Wilson (Prime), Angel, Bailey, Baumgartner, Becker, Braun, Brown, Chase, Hasegawa, Hawkins, Hobbs, Keiser, King, Miloscia, Mullet, O'Ban, Padden, Palumbo, Sheldon, Takko, Walsh, Warnick

SB 5230
(HB 1352)

Summary: Requires the attorney general to review the administrative procedure act, as well as related administrative rules, similar statutes, and case law, to identify the current rights and protections afforded to small business owners selected for agency enforcement actions including inspections, audits, site visits, or record review. Requires the department of agriculture, department of ecology, employment security department, department of labor and industries, department of revenue, and state fire marshal to: (1) Review provisions of their governing statutes, administrative rules, policy statements, guidance, and directives to identify the current rights and protections afforded to small business owners that are selected for inspection, audit, or other enforcement action by the agency; and (2) No later than August 31, 2017, provide the attorney general with certain information. Expires

December 31, 2017.

Seeds, agency procurement of

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Ag/Water/Trade&

Warnick

Neutral

Concerning the procurement of seeds by state agencies.

[SB 5263](#)

Sponsors: Warnick (Prime)

Summary: Requires agencies, when purchasing seed, to require suppliers of the seed to ensure the identity and purity of the seed through appropriate testing performed by the department of agriculture or certain other agencies to ensure the identity and purity of the seed.

Workforce study/ag., etc.

S HIEDPS

Wilson

Neutral

Conducting a workforce study of employment opportunities in the agriculture, environment, and natural resources economic sectors intended to provide educators with the information needed for informing students about employment opportunities in the studied fields.

[SB 5285](#)
(HB 1404)

Sponsors: Wilson (Prime), Palumbo

Summary: Requires the workforce training and education coordinating board to conduct a workforce assessment for the agriculture, natural resources, and environment sectors to assess the available data on current and projected employment levels and hiring demand for skilled mid-level workers in those sectors.

Levy auth/local eff assist

S Ways & Means

Ranker

Neutral

Lowering the levy authority and local effort assistance.

[SB 5298](#)

Sponsors: Ranker (Prime)

Summary: Lowers the levy authority and local effort assistance.

Agriculture science ed.

S EL/K-12

Hunt

Neutral

Promoting agriculture science education in schools.

Sponsors: Hunt (Prime), Bailey, Brown, Conway, Rolfes, Takko, Warnick

[SB 5318](#)
(HB 1453)

Summary: Creates the agriculture science education grant program. Requires the superintendent of public instruction to: (1) Designate one or more high schools to serve as resources and examples of how to combine an interdisciplinary curriculum for agriculture science education with a strong focus on science, technology, engineering, and mathematics and an active partnership with businesses and the local community to connect learning beyond the classroom; and (2) Establish and publish funding criteria for agriculture science education equipment and professional development grants to school districts. Creates the curriculum for agriculture science education lighthouse account.

Carbon pollution tax

S Energy, Enviro

Hobbs

Neutral

Creating a fossil fuel carbon pollution tax.

Sponsors: Hobbs (Prime), Hunt

[SB 5385](#)

Summary: Imposes a fossil fuel carbon pollution tax, at the time of the first taxable event and upon the first taxable person within the state, on the carbon content of fossil fuels extracted, manufactured, or introduced into the state equal to fifteen dollars per metric ton of carbon dioxide. Requires the department of revenue to: (1) Calculate the carbon content of fossil fuels, in consultation with the department of ecology; and (2) If practical, integrate the administration and collection of the fossil fuel

carbon pollution taxes with the administration and collection of other taxes imposed on the taxpayer. Exempts certain fossil fuels from the tax. Creates the carbon pollution revenues account. Requires at least fifty percent of the funds transferred to the multimodal transportation account from the carbon pollution revenues account to be expended to assist certain school district programs.

Greenhouse gas emissions	S Energy, Enviro	Chase	Neutral
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Reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

SB 5421

Sponsors: Chase (Prime), Hasegawa, Salda?a

Summary: Requires the state to limit emissions of greenhouse gases to reduce, by 2025, overall emissions of greenhouse gases in the state to twenty percent below 1990 levels.

Workplace bullying	S Com/Labor/Spor	Chase	Neutral
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Addressing workplace bullying by making it an unfair practice to subject an employee to an abusive work environment.

SB 5423

Sponsors: Chase (Prime), Hasegawa, Hunt, Kuderer, Salda?a

Summary: Revises the state civil rights act to provide: (1) Legal recourse for employees who have been harmed by being deliberately subjected to abusive work environments; and (2) Legal incentives for employers to prevent and respond to mistreatment of employees at work.

Carbon tax	S Energy, Enviro	Carlyle	Neutral
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Promoting an equitable clean energy economy by creating a carbon tax that allows investment in clean energy, clean air, healthy forests, and Washington's communities.

Sponsors: Carlyle (Prime), Frockt, Hunt, Ranker, Salda?a

Summary: Creates a carbon pollution mitigation tax on fossil fuel emissions of greenhouse gases that contribute to global climate change. Creates the carbon program oversight board to oversee implementation of this act and advise the governor on the achievement of greenhouse gas emission reductions. Creates an economic and environmental justice oversight panel as a joint body between the office of the governor, the department of ecology, and the department of health. Requires the department of revenue to establish and administer a low-income carbon pollution mitigation tax grant for state residents to assist in the equitable transition to lower carbon emission energy sources. Involves the following in some role regarding the imposition of the carbon tax: The department of ecology, the department of revenue, the department of commerce, the department of health, the Washington State University extension energy office, the recreation and conservation office, the office of the attorney general, and other state agencies with control of expenditures of carbon pollution mitigation tax receipts. Creates the clean energy account, the clean water climate program account, the sustainable forest health account, the carbon reduction investment fund, the sustainable infrastructure fund, and the equitable transition fund.

SB 5509
(HB 1646)

Tax exemptions	S Ways & Means	Frockt	Neutral
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Increasing tax exemption transparency and accountability.

SB 5513
(HB 1500)

Sponsors: Frockt (Prime), Billig, Chase, Conway, Darneille, Hasegawa, Hunt, Keiser, Kuderer, McCoy, Miloscia, Rolfes, Salda?a, Wellman

Summary: Establishes the tax exemption transparency and accountability act. Creates a tax expenditure budget as part of the biennial budget adopted by the legislature. Reforms the tax expenditure process by including tax expenditures in a tax expenditure budget in the biennial state

budget process and requires they be readopted every two years as part of the budget process or they expire. Requires the department of revenue to prepare a tax expenditure budget. Requires the joint legislative audit and review committee to report its findings and recommendations for scheduled tax expenditures to the citizen commission for performance measurement of tax expenditures by June 30th of each year.

Vehicle taxation	S Transportation	Fortunato	Neutral
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Concerning vehicle taxation.

[SB 5564](#)

Sponsors: Fortunato (Prime), Hawkins, King, O'Ban

Summary: Modifies provisions relating to vehicle taxation.

Foreign national ownership	S State Governme	Billig	Neutral
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Concerning certification of the level of foreign national ownership for corporations that participate in Washington state elections.

[SB 5570](#)

Sponsors: Billig (Prime), Hasegawa, Hunt, Keiser, Kuderer, Miloscia, Rolfes, Zeiger

Summary: Requires each treasurer, candidate, and political committee to include the following in the report they file with the public disclosure commission: A certification from each corporation making a contribution to the candidate or political committee that, in compliance with the federal foreign agents registration act, the corporation's ownership comprises less than fifty percent foreign nationals.

Education	H Approps	Braun	Neutral
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Concerning education.

[SSB 5607](#)

Sponsors: Braun (Prime), Angel, Becker, Brown, Fain, Honeyford, King, Miloscia, Rivers, Schoesler, Sheldon, Warnick, Wilson, Zeiger

Summary: Revises education provisions with regard to: The weighted per pupil funding model; local effort levy; local excess levy authority for calendar year 2020 and thereafter; providing a one-year delay in the levy lid reduction; compensation and salary; housing allowance; national board for professional teaching standards bonus; state-funded extended year contracts; health care benefits; measures of a school district's success; accountability through improved accounting transparency; providing flexibility to school districts; recognizing school districts meeting the performance targets; addressing school districts not meeting the performance targets; establishing the top teacher recognition grant program; conforming future collective bargaining agreements to this act; prohibiting teacher strikes; student absenteeism; paraeducators; technical amendments to align statutes with the per pupil funding distribution model and recognizing and rewarding school districts that meet the measures of success; education sector excellence assessment framework; and authority to remove teachers that are detrimental to student academic performance. Provides for submission of this act to a vote of the people.

Low Priority Bills

No bills.

Monitoring Bills

No bills.

Other Bills

No bills.